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Sir:

**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

In response to the Office Action dated February 15, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.